MIDDLE CLASS UNEMPLOYMENT.

74. **Mr. M. K. Devassy** (*Adur*): Will the Government be pleased to appoint a Committe to inquire into the middle class unemployment problem in the State?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): Government do not think that any useful purpose will be served by the appointment of a committee.

Mr. M. K. Devassy (*Adur*): Is the Government aware that such committees are appointed by the Bombay, Madras and Travancore Governments ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): I do not know whether it is expressly to enquire into the question of middle class unemployment, that these committees were appointed.

Mr. M. K. Devassy (*Adur*): Will the Government be pleased to take it from me that it relates to middle class unemployment ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): Yes.

Mr. M. K. Devassy (*Adur*): Have the Government gone through the report of the Travancore Committee ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): Speaking for the Government, Government have read it.

Mr. M. K. Devassy (*Adur*): Does the Government know that there is acute unemployment among the middle class ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): There is unemployment among middle class as well as other classes in the State.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Are not the Government aware that employment bureaus attached to the universities and educational institutions exist in certain states ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): That is the subject-matter of the next question.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): Are the Government aware that the Mysore University is trying an experiment of giving lands for cultivation to the educated unemployed ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): I do not know whether it is relevant to this question. But we are aware

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that the experiment is being attempted in some states as well as by some other Governments.

Mr. M. K. Devassy (*Adur*): Has the Government read the report of the Travancore Unemployment Committee?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): We must have got a copy. It is very difficult to answer the question whether Government have gone through it. We will have a copy.

Mr. M. K. Devassy (*Adur*): Will the Government be pleased to make their position clear with regard to this matter?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): The position is very clear. We do not think that a committee is the proper method of dealing with this unemployment problem.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar (*Nemmara*): Has the Government any other method in hand?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): It is very difficult to answer that question in that form. We are dealing with a question and we cannot categorically answer. It will involve at least a small speech which I think will be hardly proper either for the occasion or for the purpose.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): Is it very difficult for the Diwan Peishkar to make some enquiries? There are many Village Menons and Parvathiakarans under him.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): If it is for collection of statistics with respect to unemployment, in my humble way I made some attempt last year and I have got certain figures with respect to each village in the State. I shall be glad to place the same wherever wanted.

EMPLOYMENT BUREAUS—STARTING OF.

75. Mr. M. K. Devassy (*Adur*): Will the Government be pleased to start employment bureaus with a view to help the unemployed educated youths of the State in seeking employments?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): The Staff Selection Board that has been constituted by Government is one employment bureau giving employment in Government service. There is no scope for starting more bureaus by Government.

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